

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MATHEWS,  
COLORADO STATE PARKS DIRECTOR

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and say goodbye to a nationally recognized leader in outdoor recreation. Laurie Mathews announced her departure from the Colorado State Parks system, after a decade long tenure as its director. The state of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership as well as her dedication to the park system in Colorado.

During her ten years with the state parks, Laurie helped bolster environmental and interpretation, adding 30 seasonal interpreters, while developing programs that reach more than one million visitors per year. The State Trails program under Laurie's leadership grew to more than \$4 million dollars annually. "The people of Colorado have been lucky to have Laurie Mathews at the helm of the State Parks for the past decade, a time of transition for the State Parks system into a national model," said Governor Bill Owens. "On behalf of the people of Colorado, I want to thank Laurie for her significant contributions to our beautiful state."

Laurie oversaw the addition of 25,000 acres, worth \$54 million to the State Park system as well as an initiative to improve staffing levels and customer service throughout the state. She also created the Crown Jewel initiative, which brokered the cost share with the Bureau of Reclamation that brought over \$40 million in renovation to Colorado State Parks, and oversaw the construction of 19 new visitor centers.

"The last ten years have been a remarkable experience for me. I am very proud of the accomplishments I've been fortunate enough to be part of, from the addition of incredible new park lands and buffer lands to new visitors centers the people of Colorado will be able to enjoy for generations," said Laurie. "What I will miss most are the wonderful people who work for Colorado State Parks. I am honored to have been part of such a strong and talented team."

Mr. Speaker, the people of Colorado will miss Laurie's leadership greatly. She has done so much for the beauty of Colorado and for its citizens. For that I would like to say thanks and wish her good luck in her new career with the Himalayan Dental Relief Project in Nepal. I know she will excel just as she did with the Colorado State Parks system.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church. The church will celebrate its centennial anniversary on May 6, 2001 with the Mass of Thanksgiving at twelve noon.

What was originally established as a church for Italian immigrants has become a church that ministers to a largely Hispanic community.

The church was founded by Bishop John O'Connor on April 7, 1901. The first church was established in a rented store by Reverend Peter A. Catalano, the church's first pastor. Shortly thereafter, on June 24, a small wood-framed Protestant church was purchased and dedicated as Saint Anthony's Church.

In January, 1935, both the church and rectory were destroyed by a devastating fire. In June of that year, on the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, the first mass was celebrated in the new church, which was conducted by Father John J. Rongetti, the parish's second pastor. Father Rongetti served the parish until his death on May 4, 1947. The church was then served by Father David Cassazza until he was recalled to active military duty as a Naval Chaplain in September, 1950. For the next twenty-six years, Reverend Michael A. Calabrese served loyally and faithfully until his death on May 24, 1976.

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety appointed Reverend Anthony F. Granato as administrator and pastor on October 17, 1977. During his tenure, Reverend Granato formed the church's pastoral council and revised the religious program. Through the work of loyal parishioners and financed through such activities as bingo, raffles, and various fundraisers, the church and other parish buildings were renovated.

In the past century, the church has gone through several structural and demographic changes but continues to serve the faithful parishioners of East Newark, New Jersey.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of St. Anthony's Church.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY  
REMEMBERS PAUL PINTELLA

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak today in recognition of Paul Pintella, who was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton for more than two decades. His passing will be a great loss to the citizens of Trenton and to the State.

Mr. Pintella joined the League as youth director after the city's 1968 race riots and is best known for working on youth programs. The Urban League of Metropolitan Trenton is one of 112 affiliates of the National Urban League and is the city's most visible nonprofit organizations. Urban League programs ranged from summer camps for city children to housing development.

Paul was a tireless worker, dedicated to following through on his commitments. Last October, the Urban League unveiled 19 houses that it had built or renovated. This was a project Pintella spearheaded and he consequently received the Citizen of the Year Award by the Trenton Council of Civic Associations.

Mayor Douglas H. Palmer called Pintella an inspiration. "I've always looked to Paul Pintella as a person who cared deeply for Trenton and spent his entire life trying to make conditions better for people in his city. I'm deeply saddened by his loss, and it's my hope that others in the community will pick up the torch that Mr. Pintella has carried all of his life."

I have the same hope and I urge all my colleagues to join me today in recognizing an outstanding citizen.

TRIBUTE TO PAT DUBE, 2001 VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 3, 2001*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Visiting Nurse Association of America is an organization with a noble mission: to bring compassionate health care to patients and their families in their homes. As a non-profit, community-based association, the VNAA leads the profession of home health care by providing quality attention and aid to all its patients across the United States.

Each year, the VNAA recognizes outstanding individuals who strive to advance Visiting Nurse Agencies and the home health care industry as a whole. As the VNAA culminates its 19th Annual Meeting and Exhibition with its Awards Presentation, they have chosen to honor Pat Dube as the 2001 VNAA Program Manager of the Year.

Demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to the vision and principles of the VNAA, Pat Dube has devoted twenty-five years to the Visiting Nurse Agencies mission of providing quality home health care services. As a community health nurse, Pat worked tirelessly to organize outreach programs for southeast Michigan's homeless population. Working to raise the standard of care for Metro Detroit's homeless, she volunteered her time to raise funds and promote awareness throughout the community. Her leadership efforts as VNA Communicable Disease Program

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